I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail <u>EV325954117US</u> in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on or before the date shown below. Barbara Fisher Date: 22 December 2004 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re PCT International Application of GERMAINE, Gilbert, Robert, Bernard Int. Appln No.: PCT/EP2003/004853 Intl. Filing Date: 7 May 2003 PROCESS TO PREPARE MEDICINAL AND 22 December 2004 TECHNICALWHITE OILS **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS** Box PCT (DO/EO/US) Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: